

Given a series of facts, the reader sorts them into categories of events, times, places, people, and objects.

UNIT 5  
Lesson 1  
Understanding Details

## TECHNICAL TALK

When you read a newspaper or magazine you find many different facts relating to events, times, places, people and objects. In order to try to remember the important things about what you read, you need to classify these things. For instance, what happened first, second, third? Where did it happen? When did it happen? What actually happened? Who made it happen? Look for the where, when, and why words when you read. The lessons in this section will give you practice in this skill.

## TRY IT

Let's give you a chance to practice your skills on three sentences below.

1. George Washington was born in 1732.
2. One of the earliest automobiles was built by Henry Ford.
3. Corn that is raised in Nebraska is harvested in October and November.

Did you find the words dealing with events, times, places, people, and objects? Here they are: events (Washington born, auto built by Ford, corn harvested); times (1732, October and November); places (Nebraska); people (George Washington, Henry Ford); and objects (automobiles, corn).



## TAIWAN: THE HOME OF MANY CHINESE

You may have read articles about Taiwan in newspapers and magazines recently. Below are some facts and figures about this island nation. Read these facts carefully. When you are done, write down each of these categories: events, times, places, people, and objects. Pick out all of the words and phrases with boxes around them, and write each one beneath the correct category.

1. [Taiwan] is about one hundred miles off the [coast] of [mainland China].
2. It has an area of about [14,000 square miles].
3. The highest [mountain] in Taiwan is [Mt. Nitaka] which is over two miles high.
4. The main agricultural products of Taiwan are [rice, sugar cane, and tea].
5. [Chiang Kai-shek] [was elected president] of Taiwan in [1950].
6. The [capital city] of Taiwan is [Taipei].
7. The [Chinese] [discovered the island] in about the [fifth century].

## REVIEW

If you did not get all of the answers right on the questions on Taiwan, you need to try to do better in the next two lessons.

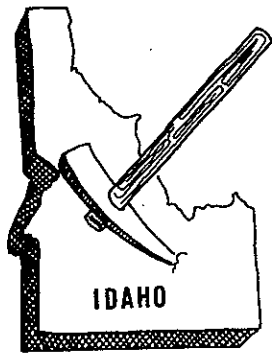
## UNIT 5 Lesson 2 Understanding Details



### WILD BILL HICKOK, THE GUNFIGHTER

In the following sentences about Wild Bill Hickok, there are many small details. Try to remember the events, times, places, people, and objects. When you have read all of the sentences about Hickok's life, make five columns with one of the underlined words at the top of each column. List each of the words and phrases that are boxed in the following sentences under the correct column. Check your work with the answer key.

1. Wild Bill Hickok was born in Troy Grove, Illinois in 1837.
2. His real name was James Butler Hickok.
3. Most of his life was spent in the state of Kansas.
4. During the Civil War, he was a scout for the Union Army.
5. Following the war he served as a marshal for the U.S. Government.
6. When he was older he was an actor in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.
7. Hickok hardly ever aimed his gun since he shot from the hip.
8. He was nearly always on the side of the sheriff and fought outlaws.
9. Wild Bill was a hero to many people in the 1850's and 1860's.
10. One of Hickok's closest friends was "Calamity Jane."
11. He won almost all his gun battles, even if ten men were shooting at him.
12. During the time he lived, there was little law and order.
13. Wild Bill was shot in the back in 1876 while he was playing poker.



### THE GREAT GEM STATE

Follow the directions given for lessons 1 and 2 for the following sentences. Make five columns and put the correct words and phrases in each column. Use the key to check your work.

1. Idaho is called the Great Gem State because of its beautiful mountains and waterfalls.
2. The word "Idaho" is an Indian word meaning "light on the mountains."
3. In size, Idaho ranks thirteenth among all states of the United States.
4. It became a state in 1890 as our forty-third state.
5. Important products of Idaho are lumber, potatoes, silver, and lead.
6. More people of Idaho belong to the Mormon Church than to any other religious group.
7. The land is rich in Idaho but it must be irrigated to make crops grow.
8. There are many wild animals in Idaho.
9. The University of Idaho is located at Moscow.
10. It is thought that Idaho was first explored by Lewis and Clark in 1805.
11. Some of the tourist sites of Idaho are Craters of the Moon and Grand Canyon of the Snake River.
12. The population of the state is close to one million.

### HOW DID YOU DO?

